(b) the number of proposals forwarded to the Empowered Committee for its consideration during that period, year-wise; and

(c) the major recommendations of the Empowered Committee on these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRIBRAJ KISHORE TRIPATH Y): (a) and (b) The work of Research and Technology (R & T) Mission is being carried out by the Technical Wing of the Ministry of Steel. The year-wise number of proposals evaluated and forwarded to Empowered Committee (EC) during the last three years are as under :

SI. No.	Year	No. of proposals evaluated during the year	No. of proposals forwarded to EC during the year
1.	2000-01	32	21
2.	2001-02	15	06
3.	2002-03	15	Nil
	TOTAL	62	27

(c) Out of 27 research proposals forwarded to the Empowered Committee, the EC approved 7 research proposals for financial assistance from Steel Development Fund (SDF). The remaining proposals have been rejected because of different reasons. Some of these are inadequate R&D content in the proposals or the scientific principles were not explained properly, techno-economic feasibility were not established or there was no participation by the industrial undertakings to utilize the results of the R&D activity. The proposers have been intimated the specific reasons for rejection and they may resubmit the proposals after meeting the deficiencies pointed out.

Subsidy on steel production

†3860. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidy is provided on steel production in several steel producing countries of the world;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) if so, the names of the countries where there is still a system of providing subsidy on steel products by their respective Governments; and

(c) the names of the countries in which subsidy was provided during 2000-2001,2001-2002 and first nine months 2002-2003 alongwith the amount thereof under this system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRIBRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In several steel producing countries of the world like USA, UK, Austria, France, Greece etc. specific as well as generic subsidies are provided.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, WTO member countries are required to notify any specific subsidy granted or maintained in their territory. Certain countries have notified subsidies granted or maintained in their territories to the WTO. However, these notifications are not adequately detailed to provide information on the total amount of subsidies being provided by various countries on steel production. In any case, there is no obligation on the WTO Member countries to notify the non-specific subsidies.

Setting up of sports academy

3861. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up sports academy in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such academy is being set up in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a)and(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Ministry of Youth